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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: PATENT APPLICATION of
Inventor(s) Mendicino, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/488,672 (U.S. Patent No. 5,783,720)
Issued July 21, 1998

Reissue Filed: January 20, 2000

Title: SURFACE-ACTIVE ADDITIVES IN THE DIRECT SYNTHESIS OF
TRIALKOXYSILANES

Date: October 17, 2001

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Examiner: P. Shaver

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2001, please consider the following remarks.

Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during the telephone conversation on October 17, 2001.

In the July 17 Office Action, the Examiner stated that the reissue oath/declaration filed with the application on January 20, 2000 was defective because it failed to identify at least one error which is relied upon to support the reissue application. Specifically, on page 2 of the Action the Examiner stated:

The reissue oath/declaration filed with this application is defective because it fails to identify at least one error which is relied upon to support the reissue application; further, specific changes to the claims are not identified and the

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